

1 value of less than 1 ng per ml for PSA and less than 0.8 international unit for  
2 serum acid phosphatase.

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6 **REMARKS**

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8 Examiner has determined that the previous original claims 23 – 37 are in condition for  
9 allowance.

10 The Examiner rejected claims 1- 16, 17-19, 38, 40 and 41.

11 Claims 1-16 were stated as being indefinite for falling to particularly point out and  
12 distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. They are  
13 amended accordingly.

14 Claims 1 and 14 were stated as indefinite in the use of “improved” and “longer”.

15 Accordingly, these claims are amended to eliminate the indefinite nature in the previous  
16 claims 1 and 14 claims.

17 The Examiner rejected the claims 6, 8, and 9 as indefinite in that it did not point out  
18 particular drug compositions in those claims. Accordingly, they are also amended.

19 Claims 17 – 19 and 38 were rejected as Gupta anticipated them in US patent 4,244,949.

20 In the amended claims 17 – 19 and 38, implants methods other than prostatic implants for  
21 the treatment of prostate cancer is removed. Gupta did not teach the treatment of prostate  
22 cancer as it is in this instant.

23 Claim 20 – 22, 39, 40 and 41 were objected, as they were dependent upon a rejected base  
24 claim. Their base claims are amended and they are corrected.

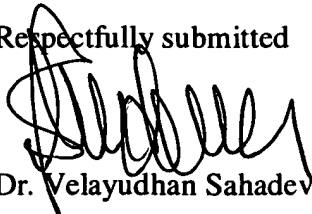
Claim 40 was rejected also due to the use of relative term "lesser cost" and as not being quantified. It is also corrected in the amended claim 40.

#### CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds for rejection and objection have been properly corrected. The applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and objections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the applicant at 304-252-9510.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted



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